

HB 2228 with HCA 1 -- STATE EMPLOYEES PARENTAL LEAVE

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill allows state employees to receive ten paid days of work leave upon the birth or adoption of a child.

HCA #1: This amendment requires that the adopted child must be under two years of age.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help put public employees in the same position as most private professionals and help to compensate state employees who are currently underpaid relative to most other states.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; ACLU-Missouri; and Empower Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.